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If undelivered, return to:—

Room 055,

War Office,

Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

Copies of passport papers and
photographs of
Jackie HEWITT



(1951)

JACK HEWITT.

KV2 / 4529

APPLICATION FORM "A" To be completed in applicant's own handwriting.

NOTE.—Do not sign this form until you have read instructions, Page 1, Para. E.

1 Surname (in block capitals) (State whether Mr., Mrs. or Miss) HEWIT MR.		National Reg. No. ARA 4788.422	
Christian Names (in full; in block capitals) JOHN PARK		State whether married, single M or marriage dissolved	
Maiden Name (if applicant is woman who is or has been married)			
Has name been changed (otherwise than by marriage)?		If so, state original name	
Age last birthday 34		Place of birth GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE	Date of birth 17.5.17
Profession Occupation CLERK		PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	
Private Address (in block capitals) 10 NEW BOND STREET LONDON W1		Applicant Height 5 ft. 8 in. Colour of eyes BROWN Colour of hair BROWN Special peculiarities	Wife ft. in.
2 NATIONALITY. State whether British by birth, marriage, descent, naturalisation, registration, annexation or a British-protected person. British by BIRTH			
If British by registration or naturalisation give particulars of registration or naturalisation certificate		Number of certificate	Place of issue
			Date of issue
3 MARRIED WOMEN applying for a separate passport must complete (a) and where applicable (b).			
(a) Husband's or former Husband's surname and full Christian names			
Place of marriage		Date of marriage	Husband's or former Husband's nationality
(b) Women who are British by marriage only.			
Particulars of Husband or former Husband	Husband's place and date of birth	If husband was born in a foreign country give place and date of his father's birth*	
State whether married more than once..... If so, particulars relating to the previous marriage or marriages should be given on page 4.			
* If husband's father was born in a foreign country details of British descent must be given on page 4.			
4 PERSONS BORN in CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, SOUTH AFRICA, INDIA, PAKISTAN, SOUTHERN RHODESIA, CEYLON, in SOUTHERN IRELAND or in any FOREIGN COUNTRY must complete A or B below.			
A If Applicant's birth was registered at a British Consulate abroad state:—			
Name of British Consulate	Date of Registration	Place and date of father's birth	
B Particulars of applicant's father:—			
(a) (If born on British soil)—			
Place of birth†.....		Date of birth.....	
(b) (If British by naturalisation or registration)—			
No. of Certificate.....		Date and place of Issue.....	
(c) (If British by annexation of territory)—			
Name of territory annexed			
† If father's birth occurred in a foreign country supplementary details of British descent must be given on page 4.			
5 PASSPORT REQUIRED FOR TRAVELLING TO EUROPE U.S.A.			
Route, if known			
Purpose of travel BUSINESS			

6 PARTICULARS OF WIFE (To be completed by husband if wife is to be included in the passport)				
Surname (in block capitals)		National Reg. No.		
Christian Names (in full; in block capitals)		Age last birthday		
Maiden Name (in block capitals)		Place of birth	Date of birth	
Place of marriage	Date of marriage	If married after 1st January 1949 state nationality at date of marriage		
If not British at date of marriage state (a) number (b) place (c) date of registration as a British subject	(Number)	(Place)	(Date)	
State whether married more than once.....		If so, particulars relating to the previous marriage or marriages should be given on page 4.		
Signature of Wife.				
NOTE.—To be signed in the presence of an Examining Officer or Witness. (See Para. E of instructions.)				
7 CHILDREN UNDER 16 (if to be included in the Passport).				
Christian Names (in full)	Surname	Place of Birth	Date of Birth	Sex and relationship to applicant
8 DECLARATION. (To be signed <u>in the presence</u> of an Examining Officer or witness: see Para. E. of Instructions).				
A I declare that the information given in the application is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and				
B That I have not lost the status of British subject, and				
C That I have not previously held or applied for any passport whatever,				
or D That all previous passports granted to me have been surrendered to a British Passport or Consular Officer other than passport No. 7437 which is now attached and that I have made no other application for a passport since the attached passport was issued to me.				
Delete "C" or "D" whichever is inapplicable				
Signature..... John Hewit Date..... 2 July 1951				
Note.—If you have had a passport which has been lost delete C and D and complete Section 11 on page 4 of this form.				
9 OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE. By Examining Officer at Passport or Ministry of Labour and National Service Office. (See Para. E of Instructions).				
1 Photographs of applicant (and wife if to be included in the passport), and				
*2 All relevant documents as noted below examined, and in order *except				
3 Signature in Section 8 (and Section 6 if applicable) witnessed and compared with signature on National Registration Identity Card.				
* Delete word "except" if all documents are in order				
Official Stamp..... 11 JUL 1951				
Initials.				
10 WITNESS (See instructions, Page 1, Para. E.) (Not necessary if personal application is made to any Passport or Ministry of Labour and National Service Office).				
I certify that the applicant is known personally to me, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the facts stated on this form are correct and that the above declaration (Section 8) has been signed by him/her in my presence. I am a British subject.				
Signature..... Date.....				
Profession (see Instructions Page 1, Para. E.).....				
Address.....				
IMPORTANT.—Applicants and witnesses (see Section 10), are warned that should any statement contained in their respective declarations prove to be untrue, the consequences to them may be serious.				
FOR OFFICIAL USE				
DOCUMENTS PRODUCED TO BE NOTED HERE.				
Applicant's birth certificate	Wife's birth certificate	Husband's birth certificate	Child's (or children's) birth certificate(s)	Marriage certificate
Other Documents.				
Pres. Mkt.				

11 (See Note, Section 8, overleaf). **PARTICULARS OF PREVIOUS PASSPORT WHICH HAS BEEN LOST OR IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR PRESENT USE**

No. issued at on

Bearer's Names

Circumstances in which passport was lost or destroyed, or other reason for its non-availability.

Place and date of loss

What measures were taken at the time to report loss and to obtain recovery?

Has loss been reported to the Police?
I certify that the above particulars are correct and undertake in the event of the passport coming again into my possession to return it to the Passport Office, London, or to a British Consulate for cancellation.

Date Signed

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

FOR PASSPORT OFFICE USE ONLY.

ISSUE

BS-UTCC

AMOUNT PAID
BY THE APPLICANT
IN PREVIOUS PASSPORT
REPUBLICS AND TURKEY

Algeria

U.S.A.

V. Sayer

Amount
paid

FEE PAID
15/-

N^o 469715

Please write your name here

(Surname)

HEWIT

(Christian Names)

JOHN PARK

Form "A" Application for a United Kingdom Passport

IMPORTANT. Please read instructions carefully before completing the form. The attention of applicants is especially drawn to the British Nationality Act, 1948, which entered into force 1st January, 1949, and established a status of citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies by birth, descent, annexation, registration or naturalisation.

INSTRUCTIONS

The charge for a passport is 15s., which must be paid in cash or by postal order at the time of application. Where the husband and wife are included on a joint passport the charge covers both.

NOTE.—A Passport cannot be issued or renewed by the Passport Office, on behalf of a person already abroad; such a person should apply, in a foreign country, to the nearest British Mission or Consulate, or, if residing in any part of the British Commonwealth outside the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, should apply to the nearest Passport issuing authority.

HOW TO COMPLETE FORM

(A) Males (married or single) and women who have NOT been married (16 years of age or over). Complete Sections 1, 2, 5 and 8, and if appropriate to their own application, Section 4. A married man who wishes to include his wife in his passport should complete also Section 6, his wife signing that Section in the space provided. A passport which includes particulars of the holder's wife is not available for the wife's use when she is travelling alone. Married women who are not British subjects cannot be included on husband's passport.

(B) Married women of any age (including widows and women whose marriage has been terminated). If a separate passport is required, complete Sections 1, 2, 3(a), 5 and 8, and if appropriate to their case, Sections 3(b) and 4.

(C) Children under 16 years of age will normally be included (without extra charge) on the passport of the parent who, in completing the application form, must also enter particulars of the children under Section 7. The consent of the father or other legal guardian is required for the inclusion of a child on the passport of any other person.

Application for the addition of children to an existing passport should be made by completing a Child Addition Form.

Should a separate passport be required for a child under 16 to reside or travel abroad, application by his father or other legal guardian should be made on Form "B."

(D) Personal Description. The description of the applicant (and of the wife, if to be included on the passport) should be entered in block capitals in the "Personal description" space included with this application form. The "Personal description" form should also be completed and signed at the foot.

(E) Signing the form. The application form must be signed in Section 8 by the applicant (and in Section 6 by the wife if to be included in the passport) in the presence of the examining officer at one of the three Passport Offices or at any Local or Resettlement Advice Office of the Ministry of Labour and National Service. **Note.**—If the applicant cannot attend at any of these Offices, he or she can have his or her signature witnessed by a Member of Parliament, Justice of the Peace, Minister of Religion, member of the medical or legal profession, Bank Officer, or a Senior Public Official to whom applicant is personally known, who should complete Section 10 and certify on the reverse side of one of the photographs that it is a true likeness of the applicant. (Wife's photograph to be certified similarly if she is to be included in the passport.)

DOCUMENTS TO BE PRODUCED

(F) **Note.**—Any applicant (other than a naturalised or registered person) who surrenders with this application a previous passport establishing his/her identity and nationality will not normally be required to produce any other document except the National Registration Identity Card, unless the applicant's name or status has been changed, or unless the applicant was born outside the United Kingdom and Colonies as constituted on 1st January 1949. See (iv) and (v).

(i) Males (married or single) and women who have not been married should produce birth certificate, certificate of naturalisation or registration as a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies as the case may require, National Registration Identity Card or current Armed Forces Identity document. If a married man wishes to include his wife on his passport he should produce the marriage certificate, her birth certificate and National Registration Identity Card and, where relevant, her naturalisation or registration certificate.

(ii) Married women (including widows and women whose marriage has been terminated) applying for separate passport should produce documents specified in (i) above, together with marriage certificate.

Women who are British by marriage only must also produce the husband's (or former husband's) birth certificate, or other evidence of his British nationality. Where a previous marriage has been dissolved, the applicant may be required to produce the final decree of divorce or annulment.

(iii) Children

Under 16 to be included in the passport. The children's birth certificates. If the applicant is not the father, proof of legal guardianship or a letter of consent from the father or other legal guardian is required.

16 years of age and under 21. Documents as for males and single women (see Paragraph (i) above); the written consent of father or other legal guardian is also required, except where the applicant is married or a member of H.M. Forces.

NOTE.—Where an Order has been made by the High Court or by a Magistrate regarding the custody of a child such Order must be produced.

(iv) **Change of Name.** If the applicant has changed his or her name the deed poll recording the change or other evidence to show how and when it was changed must also be submitted. A fresh National Registration Identity Card in a new name is regarded as evidence that a change of name has been effected.

(v) **Persons born outside the United Kingdom and Colonies as constituted on 1st January 1949** must complete Section 4 and may be required to produce documentary evidence in support of the statements made therein.

PHOTOGRAPHS

(G) Two copies of a recent photograph of the applicant (and also of the photograph of the applicant's wife where a joint passport is applied for) must be included with the application. These photographs must be taken full face without hat, and the photographs must not be mounted. The size of the photographs must not be more than 2½ inches by 2 inches or less than 2 inches by 1½ inches. The photographs must be printed on normal thin photographic paper and must not be glazed on the reverse side. The examining officer (or witness) is also required to endorse the reverse side of one copy of the photograph with the words: "I certify that this is a true likeness of the applicant Mr. (Mrs. or Miss) . . ." and add his signature.

Where a joint passport is applied for, one copy of the wife's photograph should be similarly certified.

HOW TO MAKE APPLICATION

(H) Personal application

To facilitate the issue of passports, applicants are recommended to make personal application to any one of the Passport Offices (addresses given below) or at any Local or Resettlement Advice Office of Ministry of Labour and National Service.

LONDON.—1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Dartmouth Street, London, S.W.1. (Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

LIVERPOOL.—Exchange Flags, Liverpool. (Hours: 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

GLASGOW.—10, Bothwell Street, Glasgow, C.2. (Hours: 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

MINISTRY OF LABOUR LOCAL OFFICE. (Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

The Passport Offices are also open, for cases of special emergency only, between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. (Saturdays 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.) and in London on Sundays and Public Holidays between 10 a.m. and noon.

The relevant sections of the application form should be completed and this form, together with the personal description form and the necessary documents, taken personally to one of these Offices. The fee of 15s. should also be paid at any Office.

(I) Postal applications

If it is not possible to make personal application at one of the Passport Offices or Ministry of Labour Local Offices, the completed, signed and witnessed form with certified photographs and documents (excepting National Registration Identity Card) should be forwarded, together with a postal order for 15s., to one of the three Passport Offices whose address is given above. (N.B.—Cheques cannot be accepted.)

(J) **Applicants resident in Northern Ireland** should in all cases apply by post to the Passport Office, Exchange Flags, Liverpool.

Volume 3 closed at serial 133 dated 27.3.53.

MINUTE SHEET

Reference.....

134.

5.6.53

To Records re HEWIT's present locayion

135,

10 6.53.

From War Office giving information re HEWITT J.P.

135a

136.

15.8.53.

From M.I.11 re HEWIT.

136a.

137.

18.8.53.

To M.I.11 re 136a

137a.

138.

B2A/H.S.S.

To follow up the suggestion in minute 132.

He LintonB.2.A.

20.8.53.

139.

1.9.53.

Copy of minute from D.D.M.I.(O & S.) to D.D.P.S.(A) re HEWIT's regrading. 139

3.9.53.

From H.Q. Western Command.

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140.

9.9.53.

Report on interview with HEWIT on 7.9.53.

140a

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141.
 B.2.B./ATB.
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To see my report at 140a.

W. J. Skardon.

B.2.A.
 9.9.53.

142

12.9.53. Copy of Minute by M.I.11. to DDPS (A)

142a

143.

17.9.53. Copy of Minute by M.I.11 to DDPS(A)
 18.9.53 Note re. HEWIT's supposed connection with Melinda's disappearance
 19.9.53 From Western Command re HEWIT's discharge.

143a.
 143ab
 143b

144.

B.2.A/W.J.S.

You might like to see Serials 143a and 142a
 with reference to your report at serial 140a.

D. Stephens.

B.2.A.
 24.9.53.

145.

24.9.53. To Special Branch notifying them of HEWIT's discharge.

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146.

29.9.53 To M.I.11 requesting HEWIT's civilian address

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147.

1.10.53 Note re HEWIT's address on discharge

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150.

22.10.53. From M.I.11 re HEWITT.

150a.

151

2.1.54. Extract from telecheck material on BLUNDEN ment. HEWITT.

151a.

152.

9.4.54. Stop Note - Periodic rescrutiny re HEWITT. John Park. (M.N.I).

152a

153.

20.9.55. Copy of TC material on BLUNDEN ment. HEWITT.
 26.9.55. Ext. from TC on BLUNDEN ment. HEWITT.
 30.9.55. Copy of TC material on BLUNDEN ment. HEWITT.
 30.9.55. Copy of TC on BLUNDEN.
 3.10.55. From F.O.

153w

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153a.

7.10.55. Copy of TC material on BLUNDEN ment. HEWITT.

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154,

12.10.55. To F.O.

154a.

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14.10.55 Note for file

155a

156.

1.11.55. Copy of TC material on BLUNDEN ment. HEWITT.

156a.

157.

24.1.56. From M.I.11.

157a.

158.

26.1.56. To M.I.11. in reply to 157a.

158a.

159.

27.1.56. From M.I.11. further to 157a.

159a.

160.

30.1.56. To M.I.11. in reply to 159a.
30.1.56. From C.C. Essex.160a.
160b.

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2.2.56. From C.C. Essex.

161a.

162.

3.2.56. Copy of M.I.11. memo.

162a.

163.

8.2.56. To CC Essex.

163a.

164.

13.3.56. Copy of Telegram from BURGESS to HEWITT.

164a

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15.3.56 Ext. from letter from Mrs Bassett to BURGESS

165a

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15.3.56 Ext. from D Note

166a

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20.3.56 Int. letter from BURGESS to HEWITT

167a

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23.3.56 To BURGESS from HEWITT

168a

HEWITT.

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169.

26.3.56. Ext. from note on discussion with REES ment. HEWITT.

169a

170.

6.4.56. Ext. from letter from POLLOCK ment. HEWITT.

170a

171.

17.9.56. Extract from Telescheck. Call between BLUNDEN and REVAI.

171a.

172.

18.9.56. Extract from Telescheck. Call from BLUNDEN to Mrs. BASSETT.

172a.

173

10.2.58. Int. letter

173a.

176

20.05.64. Ext. from transcript of interview between Mr. Martin and Sir Anthony BLUNT ment. HEWITT.

10.10.67 Ext. from T/C
13.10.67 To M.P.N.I.

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13.10.67 Ext. from T/C

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13.10.67 Ext. from note of a meeting in D.D.G's office

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29.2.68. Extract from D.3. Note for File.

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27.3.68. Ext. from interview report

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16.5.68. From Essex C.C.

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12.7.68.

L.M. to F.I.C.

187a

23.7.68.

Ext. from interview report
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Note for File

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30.7.68.

To C.C. Essex.

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PF. 53,337
L.B.

189A

PF. 604,591/D3/BP

HQ/CID/SF./Pend

30th July 1968

Dear Sir,

South Essex Communist Party

Thank you very much for your letter of 14th May 1968. /185a

2. The man in glasses in the photographs you sent us proves in fact to be identical, not with John HEWITT, but with Sam AARONOVICH, the subject of our PF. 53,337, who was until recently South Essex District Secretary of the Communist Party.

3. We are continuing our attempts to identify the other man and if these prove successful, we shall be in touch with you again.

Yours faithfully,

BP.

for Director General.

The Chief Constable,
Essex County Constabulary.

SECRET

JS/BN
31/7/68

Copied to PF 53,337 (AARONOVICH).

188A

Reference.....PF. 604,591

Note for File

F.I.C/Mrs. Rae telephoned me today to say that as a result of my request at serial 187a, she had put an enquiry to Special Branch who now state that they have identified the man in glasses in the photograph as Sam AARONOVICH.

2. Sam (PF. 53,337) was until recently South Essex District Secretary of the Communist Party. Attempts were still being made by Special Branch to identify the other man.

B. Palliser.

D.3.

30th July 1968

B. J. B. Palliser

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D3/811U
30/7/68

P.a. on PF. 604,591

Orig. on PF. 604582, v.13, ser. 642a dated 23.7.68.

Note for File

187B

I had a quick meeting with Sir Anthony BLUNT at 12.30 p.m. on 23rd July 1968.....

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2. I showed him the photograph which the Essex Police had put to us as that of Jackie HEWITT and a companion. I just showed him the photograph without any explanation, pointing to the man said by the police to be HEWITT and asking him who it was. He said that it looked like a man he used to know called KLEGAN (ph). He then asked the date of the photograph and I said it was taken in the last few months. He said then it could not be KLEGAN because he died before the war. I then asked him point blank "Is it Jackie HEWITT?" He said that it was a little bit like Jackie but as he was 20 years ago. He now weighs 16 stone!

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D.3.
23.7.68.

signed P. M. Wright

D3/BAV
23/7/68

Loose Minute

Copy to: PF. 604,591

187a

F.I.C.

We received the original of the attached from the Essex Police because Registry filed it on J. HEWITT's PF 604,591 which is limited within D. Branch.

2. I am so sorry to have kept it so long away from you - we thought we could very speedily show the photographs to a source of ours who would identify HEWITT straight away, but we have not yet been able to contact him.
3. So I now send you these copies of the text, plus the pamphlets, and one of the two photographs (they are slightly different) for your files and for identification of the other man.
4. HEWITT is almost certainly the man on the right with glasses, but the photograph we have of him does not make this 100% certain.
5. HEWITT is a homosexual and until 1951 a close associate of Guy BURGESS, but he has never before come to notice in a Communist connection.
6. We will continue to try to find an opportunity to show our source the photograph we have kept, will let you know as soon as we have done so and would be grateful if you could also keep us informed of what you discover about the other man.

D.3.

12th July 1968

BP.
B. J. B. Palliser

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Telephone: Chelmsford 53131

Telex: 99235



In reply please quote-

Ref. No: HQ/CID/SF./Pend

Your Ref:

P.O. Box. No. 2,

Criminal Investigation Department,
Headquarters, Springfield,
Chelmsford.

14th May 19 68

Dear Sir,

South Essex Communist Party

I am forwarding herewith a self-explanatory police report together with the leaflets and photographs referred to therein.

Transferred
to
PF 53,337
(AARON DICK)

Please refer to my letter to you dated the 28th January 1956 concerning John Park HEWITT, PF.604,591/D1A/RTR enclosing his photograph.

The subject wearing glasses in the present photograph would appear to be identical with HEWITT.

I would be grateful if you could establish the identity of the two men shown in the recent photograph and to this end you may consider consulting the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis within whose jurisdiction Barking lies.

Yours faithfully,

G.T. Brown A/S/Supt.

G.T. Brown

Acting Chief Superintendent CID

ENCL As stated

mu 15 MAY 1968

TO: FIC

REF PF 604,591

Held RS
D3 9/5 for.

The Director General,
Box No. 500,
Parliament Street, B.O.,
London, S.W.1

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183A

P.a. in PF. 604,591

Orig. in PF. 604,582, v. 12, ser. 611c, dated 27.3.68.Note for File

I saw Sir Anthony BLUNT on Wednesday 20th March.
and

.....

8. I asked BLUNT whether it would be a good idea to debrief Jackie HEWIT on the subject of Guy's friends. BLUNT said he would be a good witness if he could be persuaded to talk, at least about the period of Guy's life after he moved to Bond Street: he would be useless for the period pre-war at Chester Square, where he only visited Guy when required to

do so. BLUNT offered to see Jackie, if we could discover his current address, to try to persuade him to talk to us. He would suggest to Jackie that he come along one day when I was due to visit BLUNT and we could all have a talk together. This would have to be when John GASKIN was away, BLUNT explained, as John was intensely jealous of Jackie. I asked Anthony how he met Jackie. He said it was before the war at a party given by Tom WYLLIE at the War Office.

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D.3.
27.3.68.

signed P. M. Wright

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Original filed in PF.604,582 vol. 12 serial 607c
dated 29.2.68

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Reference..... PF.604,591

182

Extract from Note for File by D.3/Mr. Wright,
dated 29.2.68:-

.....

"I saw Sir Anthony BLUNT again at his
flat on the evening of February 20th.

....

Jackie HEWIT

He said he had been very good and reasonable about
everything. He had not told the Sunday Times too much.
He was now working at Somerset House.

.....

D.3.

(signed) Peter M. Wright

29.2.68

Extracted by D.3/PF, 29.3.68

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179A

PA in PF.604591

Original in PF.606809 (HANDLEY) serial- 36a

Ext. from note of a meeting held in the D.D.G.'s office,
on 13.10.67 between the D.D.G., D.I.Inv/EMcB [redacted]
[redacted] about information given to the FBI
by Mrs. HANDLEY

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"4. [redacted] said that Mrs. HANDLEY had also
told him that "Oscar", who is in fact Jackie HEWIT, is
living in London under the name of EWITTE and was
employed by the Inland Revenue. In some way, which
unfortunately I cannot clearly remember, Mrs. HANDLEY
had got wind of the fact that the Police were interested
in his whereabouts so she had been to see them, and they
were very grateful as there is a warrant out for his
arrest."

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(sgd.) E. McBarnet

D.I/Inv

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Extract for File No.: PF.606809

Name:

HANDLEY

Original in File No.: PF.607219 Supp. A

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Serial: 33a

Receipt Date: 13.10.67

Original from: T/C

Under

Ref.: 5106

Dated:

12.10.67

Extracted on: 16.10.67

by: RP

Section: D.1/Inv

Ext. from T/C on HAM 9518 - John PHILBY, son of H.A.R. PHILBY
the Russian spy who defected to the U.S.S.R. in January 1963.

Incoming call to JOHN from ALEX MITCHELL.

ALEX reported to him that he had seen 'this guy' who had simply denied everything and, in fact, stood up very well to all the questions.

JOHN remarked - 'Oh well - MILMO spent 3 days on somebody else' ALEX had gone to the interview together with ADAM.

(The interview may have been with? JACKIE HEWITT?)

/but had admitted nothing/

When ALEX had mentioned to him the name MATHEW SMITH he had put both hands over his face and had held them there for 8 to 10 seconds. Later on ~~XXXXXXXX~~ ADAM had said to ALEX about this incident 'I thought you'd broken him' - 'God - he went funny, didn't he?' ALEX reminded JOHN about MATHEW SMITH - the Naval officer. JOHN remembered.

JOHN remarked how interesting it would be ~~HE~~ to watch the reaction if 'he' and HANDLEY were to meet.

ALEX mentioned that 'he' had said that he never used to go to 'their' house but he had had dinner 'there' a couple of times. Some reference then to a spiritualist woman who had managed to get £100 off the Sunday Times.

Jackie HEWITT

BLUNT no doubt

ALEX said that he was now at the office and he mentioned - 'It looks like there's a guy from M.I.5. might talk at 8.0 O'clock and they want me to hang on until then - they're getting a call'.

ALEX, referring to the Guildford police, had apparently remarked to 'him' that they had been in touch with them.

It seemed that some complaint had been made and that 'she' had telephoned the police about the callers.

ALEX said that 'he' definitely had a persecution complex.

He continued - 'He really had a bad time when BURGESS defected because he was his flat mate, you know - just everyone got on to him, probably as much as your old man - just everyone chased him and hounded him'. ALEX went on to quote - 'He said - 'the greatest shock of my life, young man, was 16 years ago', and I said - 'what happened then?' He said - 'Think back - what are you writing about?' - 'I was pestered, persecuted, hounded'. He had said - 'This is my little job here in the Inland Revenue - I'm hiding away here - I don't want any bastard to know who I am or why I'm here or anything about the background'.

ALEX felt sure that 'he' could still help them a lot.

JOHN invited him in for a drink later on in the evening.

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Extract for File No.: PF.604591 Name: HEWIT

Original in File No.: PF.604582 Supp. A Vol. 15 Serial 1494a Receipt Date: 10.10.67

Original from: T/C Under Ref: 4304 Dated: 8.10.67

Extracted on: 13.10.67 by: RP Section: D.1/Inv

Ext. from T/C on WEL 1074 - BLUNDEN

Incoming call to BLUNDEN from TESS ROTHSCHILD.
 TESS greeted him and asked him when he got home.
 BLUNDEN had got back Friday after a fairly exhausting time.
 TESS. Oh - and how are you?

B. Well, I'm well - I must say I'm a little shattered by the morning press!

T. I'm sure you are!

B. Yea.

T. But still, on the whole not too terrible, d'you think?

B. Well, I thought the article on GUY was absolutely stinking.

T. Horrible - stinking. Yes, it was. Yes, and -

B. And it's all - we all know it to be true, but I was just sort of thinking -

T. (interrupted) - no, that's not - some of it was not true. I mean, at least, I don't know - did he have a collection of whips?

B. I don't think he - er - I think he had one or two.

T. Oh he did?

B. I think so - I've quite forgotten it but - ehm - no, some of it isn't true.

T. No.

B. I think - yes, I think he had one or two - but not an expert so to speak!

T. No.

B. Not at all.

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T. Well, I know - it's ehm-

B. And I'm just simply thinking of what my mother will think.

T. Oh I see! Yes - I haven't thought of that!

B. Well -

T. On the whole I think Bentinck Street perhaps -

B. On the whole, Bentinck Street doesn't come out too badly.

T. Doesn't come out too badly, does it?

B. No.

T. I gather that HEWIT JACKIE has been very good and stalling on this because he, in fact, rang up PAT. LEWELLYN

B. Oh did he? Oh yes, he rang me up- DAVIES

T. He rang you up, I know - well, he rang her up last night just to say that he had stalled as much as he could-

B. Oh he did - oh good, yes. I think he has (?he wanted to come round to see me) - I think he probably has stalled

T. Ehm, which is very nice-

BLUNDEN here asked if he could ring her back - the front door was ringing.
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Nothing further.

L.E.

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Original at serial 364b in PF 604,582

Extract for PF 604,591 - HEWITT

Extract from Transcription of Interview between D.1/A.S. Martin and Sir Anthony BLUNT on Wednesday, 20th May, 1964.

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M Did Jackie know what he ^(Guy) was up to?

B No.

M Never?

B No. I think the one thing that made him suspicious was finding - and I think he told you didn't he - large quantities of pound notes.

M I think he did.

B I think he told them, yes. In fact I know he told them.

M The sort of things that Jackie was doing during the war -?

B What, when he was working for me?

M Mm.

B Yes. No then -

M He was working for us?

B Oh yes entirely. No, Jackie I know was fallen under a great deal of suspicion and reasonably enough. But I'm 100% certain that he wasn't involved at all.

M But he finally finished up in Germany didn't he?

B Yes he did, I think, I think after - it might have been the end of '44 or '45. Yes, he was, that's quite true.

M But there couldn't have been anything?

B No. I'm quite sure of that. He worked for me for a short time - the cover name was DUMBO, and was perfectly hopeless. The thing that I think didn't make me suspicious because I'm absolutely clear about it, but the thing that puzzled me very much was Guy went off on a Friday night?, I think - yes Friday's right, and by 10 o'clock the next morning Jackie was on the telephone in, almost literally, hysterics saying "Something terrible has happened - Guy didn't come back last night and he's gone off with a suitcase". And I still don't understand why Jackie thought this so peculiar - I should have thought that for Guy not to come back at night and not to telephone was the most normal thing in the world. But apparently it wasn't. He and Jackie were living in the same establishment - Bond Street at the time, and he just did sense - he must have

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B seen something peculiar about what Guy packed. But he didn't know - this was before the American boy Bernard had come round with his complicated story, because he arrived about half an hour later - even more hysterical. But Jackie had in some way sensed, and that did seem to me puzzling at the time, but I'm certain it wasn't sinister.

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Guy Burgess, Esq.,
 % Poste Restante,
 Central Telegraph Office,
MOSCOW
 U.S.S.R.

J. Hewitt.
 12, Stanwell Street.
 Colchester, Essex.
 February, 1958.

S.

Does it never occur to you that I might like to receive a letter from you. Seven years come May, and I have had one letter and one telegram.

Supposing that I booked on a WTA tour for this year would I be able to see you? Or have you decided to come here for a holiday? Not knowing what is what, makes it very difficult for me to write an interesting letter - But, if I did know what was what, I would.

Maybe I will get an answer to this note this time -!

With hope,

yours

M
P.

Happy Birthday in April.

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Extract for File No.: PF.604591 Name: HEWITT

Original in File No.: * PF.604582 Supp Serial: 763 Vol: 10 Receipt Date: 18.9.56.

Original from: Telecheck Under Ref: 2993 Dated: 17.9.56.

Extracted on: 19.9.56. by: EMCW Section: D.1.

Extract from call from BLUNDEN to Mrs. BASSETT

Mrs. B. I got a letter I want to show you. It's supposed to have been written to you.

B. Oh, I see and then he couldn't find me.

Mrs. B. That's it and so he sent it to me - a most peculiar letter. Anyhow, it's two sheets and so I'll let you see it sometime.

B. Yes. Well, I'd like to. I gathered from ANDY - ANDY REVAI, the gist of it - well, part of it. I didn't really understand.

Mrs. B. No. it's very peculiar, I think. Anyhow, with £100 he might make some sort of a life, if I would produce it.

B. That is the theme, is it?

Mrs. B. That is the theme at the end, which I think is rather peculiar, don't you?

B. Very.

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Original from: Telecheck Under Ref: 2990 Dated: 11.9.56.

Extracted on: 19.9.56. by: EMCW Section: D.I.

Extract from call between BLUNDEN and REVAI

R. By the way, have you heard from JACKIE?

B. No. Have you?

R. Apparently he tried to get in touch with you.

B. Oh, did he? I see.

R. I think he was short of cash; so be forewarned and be firm.

B. Has he been in touch with PETER?

R. No, actually with Mrs. B. you know.

B. Really?

R. Yes, yes. He wrote to her that he could not get in touch with you and therefore asked her to do it, you know.

B. (Sighing) Oh, heavens!

R. Well, she obviously ignored it.

B. Good.

R. But don't worry. It's a sort of recurrent thing twice a year.

B. Twice a year, yes. He certainly hasn't written.

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Original from: Intercept letter Under Ref.: _____ Dated: _____

Extracted on: 23.4.56. by: PMD Section: D.1.A.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM PETER POLLOCK TO GUY BURGESS MENTIONING HEWIT

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Firstly to be practical - about the help you want me to give to J. I will do this to a limited extent because you ask it but to do so is very much against my will; he is in no particular need (I see him fleetingly quite often) so don't believe all he may tell you. Also he behaved wretchedly in 1951 and gained quite considerably by so doing.

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EXTRACT FROM NOTE ON DISCUSSION WITH GORONWY REES ON 21.3.56. MENTIONING
HEWIT

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I added that amongst the letters to BURGESS we had also found ones from REES. REES said that, with respect, we did not get all the letters from the flat because HEWIT had kept some back. I asked him how he knew it. REES replied that HEWIT had told a friend that he had done so but that REES thought that the letters that HEWIT had kept were probably ones that had arrived for BURGESS at the flat after his disappearance.

REES asked me if I was aware that Jackie HEWIT intended to bring an action against the American newspaper "Time" for an article which they had published about eighteen months ago in which they had said that BURGESS had been sharing a flat in Bond Street with "Jackie HEWIT, a male prostitute". I said that I was not surprised at this but thought it seemed to be a pretty dangerous action for HEWIT to bring. REES reckoned that HEWIT would win the action and get a farthing damages.

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Guy Burgess Esq.
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12 Stanwell Road,
Colchester, Essex.
20. 3. 56.

Dear Guy,

Your letter arrived today. As I had already written to you after I received your telegram I enclose that letter with this.

You say, that when you received my letter, you thought it was from Mop. I'm sorry, but he cannot at the moment write to you — but he will, I hope, very soon. The reason I wrote in the strain I did, was because I had to. I felt as if I just couldn't not write like that. I confess, I had doubts as to whether or not you would ever receive my letter, my main purpose was to let whoever censors letters before they leave this country ^{know} what had been taking place as far as I, personally was concerned.

You say you cannot understand why my other friends left me in such a plight — what friends Guy? As I explained in

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the other letter, there has been a great deal of misunderstanding and suspicion on all sides. You are absolutely correct in your assumption that the press leeches on to the fact that my beginnings and background were somewhat different to everyone else's. Even Rees has published a series (now running) in the "People", and on Sunday they published a photograph of me, together with a lot of claptrap about some mythical party I was supposed to have attended "The only working class hall among so many scholars, politicians etc, etc. My name is the only one mentioned. All the others are called X or Y or Z — that is not discrimination is it? It is not a case of anyone abandoning me, it is just everyone avoiding having to offer to help, even with advice. When I took this last job, I asked if I should, and was told — Yes, No, perhaps, maybe. No-one has abandoned anyone!!! It all happened in the early days. I was staying with my sister, and as you know she is not a well person, well, in brief, the house was

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besieged, and although I obeyed all instructions not to speak to the press, I had to protect my sister, and I had two reporters in and I asked them to leave my sister alone. She was present during the whole of the unfortunate interview, and although I was assured that I wouldn't be quoted until I had had permission to speak, the next day, a travesty of everything that had been said appeared, and to try and put things right, I gave another interview. I begged for advice all this time and was given such "sitting on the fence" advice that this vile snowball gathered momentum and I could not stop it. I was attacked most bitterly, especially by Rees. I had to go into hospital with aspirin poisoning, and I left London after that so you see, I wasn't abandoned. I did the abandoning. But enough of all that old crap.

I will tell my solicitors to stop any further steps regarding "Tina" — I agree with you it would be futile at the present time.

With regard to what you say you have written to P. I will be very grateful for whatever help I can get. I start work again on Saturday but having been out

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for six weeks, I am in debt, in fact, yesterday,
I was forced to apply for public assistance.

I do send you all my best wishes
and I hope you will write to me again.
I would just like to say again that I have
never wittingly made any statement to your
detriment. Mop sends you all love and
wags his tail.

Yrs
J.

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12, Stanwell Street,
Colchester, Essex.

12. 3. 56.

Dear Guy,

Thank you. I feel more at ease now than I have done for five years. I hardly dared to hope that you would receive my letter, but even the writing of it was something done. Not knowing has been the hardest thing to bear. I telephoned Mum and told her I had heard from you. She sounded well. It is the first time I have spoken to her since 1951. There has been a lot of misunderstanding that to put right would have been nearly impossible, and so I haven't tried to defend any of my actions or any of the actions that have been attributed to me. It is a long and very complicated series of misquotations and blatant mis-

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representations but I² don't think you want me to defend myself to you, but I do want you to know that I have never wittingly said or done anything that could harm you.

It hasn't been easy for me, I have tried so hard to make a "career" for myself - I even went back into the army. I was doing well too. I was promoted to Sgt and then after a year, it was decided that I was not what is called a good security risk, and so I was given a glowing testimonial and "demobbed" in 1953. I got a job at once, and in 1955 I suddenly became "redundant", another glowing reference and another job. This one lasted six months and then it was suggested that I should resign. Someone showed the management a book published by the Express. I am still unemployed at the moment, and have been for the last five weeks. I got another Super testimonial which unfortunately one cannot eat. C'est la vie!!

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My family are all well, and Bill is doing extremely well. He is 17 this year, and he hopes to go to a university after he has completed his National Service. You wouldn't know him now from the little mouth agape boy who used to visit us. He is almost 6 feet tall and very intelligent. I am proud of him.

I don't see A very often. He had a slight paralysis which has affected one side of his face slightly. As I told you, he is away lecturing at the moment, I don't know when he will be back. Someone who says he is (was) ^{Rees} one of your closest friends is writing one of those "Whole Truth" articles in one of the Sunday papers. It is not signed and so I can't say who it is. He says that you were God father to one of his children. Maybe he needs the money. Do you want me to write to you again?

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my letters won't be very ~~amusing~~ I'm
afraid, but I will write if you want
me to.

Look after yourself, and try and
let me have news of you as often as
you can. I often think of Easter in
Paris 1938 and the sword dance outside
the beef, and of kipper soup and ovaltine
with eggs.

Yrs

M
P.

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МЕЖДУНАРОДНОЕ

20 MAR 1956

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Porte Restante
Central Telegraph Office
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U.S.S.R.

Dear Jack.

When I got your letter & saw you writing I said to myself good, here's a letter from Mop. It's nice ^{to} have of him to have written as others have done to send me love and goodwishes and good luck in what I am trying to do.

But when I ^{read} ~~studied~~ it I saw it wasn't a letter from Mop at all.

Now listen to me. Before I got your letter I had already written to the one of my friends who I knew was richest and could come to your help most ^{quickly &} easily. Peter of course. I have asked him to help you at once and of course told him that I will have him back. I can't send money directly as you might know.

I did this since I knew that of all my friends you, not being upper class, were likely to be persecuted worst by our delightful class system. As for the gutter-snipes of Fleet Street others who have written very differently from you ^{others} have suffered quite as much.

In fact I have always had you in mind & immediately I arrived here I did send you some money but like other letters I wrote at that time it never apparently got through.

About ^{the} money ^{from P.} - it's for you not the law suit. Of course I see your point & share your anger about ^{the} ~~the~~ disgusting & untrue article, which I've now looked up. It's absolutely despicable - and a pair of course a product of class society. But I strongly advise against a law suit now - if only because to win it you would need my evidence and I can't at the moment give it. This sort of vengeance & chasing one's name must be left for the future - There'll be

plenty of opportunities. ~~So do not~~ At the moment
in the present hysteria of public opinion I'm sure
you'd lose the action and that it would merely ~~give~~ give
opportunities to your enemies & mine to have a day out
- or several - and do much ~~more~~ harm & no good, not
only to you & me but to others we both like & owe duties to.

The other side would use every trick & millions against
you. I'm sure I'm right about this. At the moment you have
~~not a chance.~~

What I don't understand is why your other friends
have left you in the terrible position you describe.
Are you certain it's not in some way which I don't
know your own fault? Certainly no decent person
- which your friends are - would abandon you for
defending a friend ~~wh~~ as you say you have done
for me.

Do not think that I do not know and did
not anticipate that what has happened would happen
when I left. I would still do the same again for
the reasons which I did it. As you know, there ~~was~~ ^{were}
~~not because~~ ^{that} I myself was in any personal trouble
or danger - even the silly White Paper says that.

Now if you'll tell Alf to write himself, I will
write him a letter.

You ask me to bear with you. Of course I
will, always. And you with me I hope too.

Yours

G.

Show this letter to anyone you like - ~~as~~ who is reliable
from the Press point of view - i.e. wait leak. I'm certain
they will all give you the same advice about the
law suit.

PF. 604,591.

Extract of note by D. in PF.604,592.

Further to the note at 37a, Captain Liddell came to see me this afternoon. He had seen POLLOCK at the Travellers Club on the previous evening. POLLOCK had handed him a long letter which he had received from Guy BURGESS (copy at). He said he read between the lines of this letter that BURGESS was dispirited, lonely and bored. He asked Captain Liddell's advice about BURGESS' request to him to approach Jackie HEWITT. Captain Liddell had replied that he thought he would do better not to approach him. Captain Liddell thought that the reason why POLLOCK showed him the letter was to cover himself in the eyes of the authorities. He had told POLLOCK that he would hand it to his old office who might then get in touch with him. POLLOCK agreed to this, but said he would like to have the letter back.

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D.
15.3.56.

G.R. Mitchell.

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Extract of int. letter from Mrs. BASSETT to Guy
BURGESS, Moscow, dated 13.3.56.

..... Jackie rang me up that evening saying he
 had got your cable, what ought he to do about it. I
 said "nothing", he was worried whether he ought to tell
 M.I.5. I said that I shouldn't if it was me. I did
 not tell him about your telegrams and wonderful letter
 to me, I think he is such a despicable creature and I
 am very distressed that you are having contact with him
 again - still that is entirely your business, not mine.

I'll stop now darling, and do think twice about getting
 into touch with Jackie.

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J. HEWITT 12 Stanwell Str Colchester

TERRIBLY DISTURBED BY YOUR LETTER HAD ALREADY WRITTEN ASKING
FRIEND BOTH OF US TO HELP YOU IF NECESSARY STOP STRONGLY ADVISE
YOU NOT TO PROCEED WITH ACTION TILL YOU GET LETTER NOW IN POST
FOR YOU STOP ASK MOP REPEAT MOP TO WRITE ME HIMSELF NEXT TIME
AND GIVE HIM ALL MY LOVE BT GNY AR

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8 February 1956.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your report of 1 February concerning HEWIT and DIGBY.

Since our correspondence in August 1952 we have received no further information to indicate that a friendship existed between DIGBY and MACLEAN.

I think it might just be worth while obtaining information from your informant concerning HEWIT and DIGBY in case it should add anything to our records. I should be glad therefore if you would pursue this enquiry and let us know the result.

Yours faithfully,

St Paul
for Director General.

Chief Constable,
County Constabulary,
Essex.

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2 February, 1956.

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Memorandum for:-

HQ Eastern Command,
(for GSO 2(Int)).John Park HEWITT

In confirmation of my visit to you on 2 Feb 56.

1. It is considered that HEWITT should be discharged from his employment with 3 Sqn Eastern Command Signal Regt as soon as practicable. Security must not of course be mentioned as a reason for his discharge although he will no doubt guess.
2. I think it might be advisable to warn the Secretary of Essex T & AF Association that this man has a most unsavoury reputation as I see that he has been employed by that Association in the past and we do not want him in Army circles again under any circumstances.
3. We agreed that provided Major PARTRIDGE is called on to relinquish his Commission we would not interview him in regard to his association with HEWITT. Should he remain in the Army then the matter will have to be reviewed.

DIA/RTR

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J.R. Bury Ltr 11 (C)

Director of Military Intelligence.

To see a P.A.

We don't want to keep tabs on S.H. via
phone & see when he goes & to what do we?

Copy to:-

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8/2/56

ESSEX COUNTY CONSTABULARY.

Telephone: Chelmsford 3131



Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Chief Constable of Essex,
Chelmsford.

HEAD QUARTERS,
CHELMSFORD.

1st. February, 1956

CID/HQ/SB.18/56

ENCLOSURE

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REF

PF 604591

Dear Sir,

HEWIT John Park

Held RS

I refer to my letter dated the 28th. January, 1956, and forward herewith for your information a further report relative to the above named, Major PARTRIDGE and Robert Arthur DIGBY, PF.98,162.

Yours faithfully,

DIA/RTR

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[Signature]
Captain
Chief Constable of Essex

The Director General,
Box 500,
Parliament Street B.O.,
London, S.W.1

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ESSEX COUNTY CONSTABULARY.

COLCHESTER.

Station.

COLCHESTER

Division.

30th January, 19 56.

Div. Ref. No.

SUBJECT John Park HEWIT and Robert Arthur DIGBY

To: Superintendent A.W. Simpson,


I beg to refer to my report of the 25th January, 1956,
concerning John Park HEWIT.

I have made further enquiries regarding his associations in Colchester, and have received fairly reliable information to the effect that Major PARTRIDGE, at least, was on good terms with Robert Arthur DIGBY, M.I.5 reference No. PF.98,162/B2A/AFB., H.Q. reference No. SEC. C.2/49, and on several occasions PARTRIDGE has been seen in the company of DIGBY, and it may be assumed from that, that HEWIT possibly knows him too. I would refer here to my report to Head Quarters dated 13th June, 1951, and 28th December, 1951, and the reply from Box 500 to Head Quarters dated the 9th August, 1952, concerning Robert Arthur DIGBY, in which I drew attention to the fact that DIGBY was an associate of Donald McLEAN.

If the security services consider that this information concerning HEWIT and DIGBY is of interest I think I can obtain further information regarding their association from the same informant through whom the information came in 1951 and 1952.

I respectfully suggest that this report is forwarded to the Chief Constable for his information.

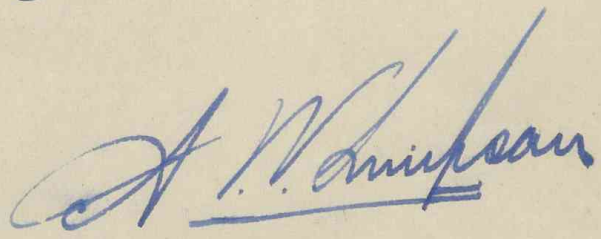
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Detective-Inspector.

To: The Chief Constable,

Respectfully forwarded.

30/1/56.


Superintendent.

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Chief Constable of Essex,
Chelmsford.

CID/HQ/SB.18/56

HEAD QUARTERS,

CHELMSFORD.

28th. January, 1956

Dear Sir,

HEWIT John Park

I forward herewith a report relative to the above named, who is said to have been an associate of Guy BURGESS.

HEWIT is employed as a ~~clerk~~ at Garrison Headquarters, Colchester, and, as he was leaving for Paris on 25th. January, details were telephoned to your office on 23rd. January - Inspector Clarke and Mr. T. Roberts spoke.

Photographs of HEWIT and Major PARTRIDGE, referred to in the report, neither of whom have previously come to notice at this office in a Security connection, are enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

Captain
Chief Constable of Essex

DIA/RTR

To see 2 p.a.
Will you reply to CC.
Ence if there is any thing
we can usefully add.

CI

The Director General,
Box 500,
Parliament Street B.O.,
London, S.W.1

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ESSEX COUNTY CONSTABULARY.

Colchester Station. Colchester Division.

25th January, 19 56.

Div. Ref. No.

SUBJECT John Park HEWIT - Security.

To: Superintendent A.W. Simpson,

I beg to report with reference to the above named man, who is at present employed as a civilian temporary clerk in the Signal Office, Garrison Head Quarters, Flagstaff House, Colchester.

The fact that HEWIT was a suspected security risk came to the notice of the Military Authorities recently, and it was reported to me by Major H.M. de B. ROMILLY, Security Officer, Colchester Garrison, on the 19th January, 1956. Upon receiving this information I commenced enquiries, with the following result.

It appears that on the 8th August, 1955, HEWIT was engaged as a clerk in the above department by Major (Albert William Cornelius PARTRIDGE) who was at that time in command of the Signal Office, Garrison Head Quarters, Colchester, but has since been removed from this appointment, a matter to which I will refer later in this report.

Upon appointment to a position of this nature it is customary for a civilian to be submitted to the usual security check through military security vetting channels. This would, at that time, have been the responsibility of Major PARTRIDGE. However, a severe check of the records in military possession has revealed that in the case of HEWIT no vetting form was apparently submitted, although a number of other civilian employees engaged at the same time as HEWIT were accordingly vetted.

On the 28th November, 1955, Major PARTRIDGE, referred to above, was arrested in Colchester on a charge of larceny of money from the till of a local wireless and television dealer's shop, which he was in the habit of visiting. Money had been missed from these premises on several occasions prior to PARTRIDGE'S arrest, and as a result of enquiries he had come under suspicion. A trap was laid, and he was eventually arrested in Colchester a few minutes after a theft had taken place. He appeared at Colchester Borough Magistrates Court on the 2nd December, 1955, charged with stealing £8. 0. 0d. He pleaded 'Guilty' to the charge, and he was ordered to pay a fine of £10. 0. 0d. and pay restitution of £5. 0. 0d. to the loser. Two other cases of larceny of money amounting to the sum of £5. 0. 0d. were taken into consideration when he was dealt with. I understand that since PARTRIDGE'S appearance before the Court he has been relieved of his military appointment, and although not actually dismissed the Service he is at the moment undergoing some form of mental treatment in an institution in London.

No feasible reason was put forward by PARTRIDGE in explanation for these offences, which appeared inexplicable for a man holding his position. I will refer again to Major PARTRIDGE'S known antecedents and background later in this report.

/The facts

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The facts which I have been able to ascertain so far concerning HEWIT are, that from about October 1953 until July 1955 he was employed by the 17th Essex Home Guard Battalion, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, as a clerk, having previously served in the Royal Artillery from 1940 to 1953, leaving with the rank of Lance-Bombardier, his regimental number being 22810193. After leaving the army, and whilst employed by the Home Guard, he lodged in rooms at No. 14, Osborne Street, Colchester, owned and occupied by a woman of known loose character named Kate DANIELS, aged about 45 years, who has recently married a young merchant seaman, who, it is said, now allows her the sum of £10 weekly, which sum appears sufficient to relieve her, at the moment, of the necessity of indulging in sex relationship with all and sundry for financial gain.

During the summer of 1955 HEWIT became friendly with a Mrs. Catherine HARRIES, a widow, and licensee of a public house known as "The Robin Hood," No. 12, Stanwell Street, Colchester, a rather low class public house frequented chiefly by troops. As at that particular time HEWIT'S landlady, DANIELS, was about to marry, HEWIT apparently was offered, and accepted, furnished accommodation in a flat belonging to Mrs. HARRIES over her public house, for which he pays her £1 per week, and also assists her in running the public house in his spare time - evenings and weekends. It is presumed that because of his active assistance in serving behind the bar, etc., that HARRIES allows him this accommodation at such a low figure. There is no indication that there is any closer relationship existing between Mrs. HARRIES and HEWIT, in fact all my enquiries appear to indicate that HEWIT prefers male companionship.

At some time since his stay in Colchester, probably early in the summer of 1955, HEWIT became friendly with a young man named Stanley SMITH, aged 27 years, formerly a tailor's assistant in the employ of the Colchester and East Essex Co-operative Society, Long Wyre Street, Colchester. Until about November 1955 SMITH resided with his father, who is a widower, at No. 14, Lord Holland Road, Colchester. SMITH Snr. is of the labouring type, and is employed as a boilerman by the Colchester Garrison Authorities.

HEWIT appears to have met SMITH on the first occasion in a local public house, and in July or early August 1955 they accompanied each other on a supposed holiday to No. 6, Rue des Sept Arpents, Pre. St. Gervais, Seine, Paris, which address is believed to be carried on as a hairdressing establishment by a man named GARCION, and upon returning to England after this visit, the man GARCION accompanied HEWIT and SMITH. He stayed for three weeks with SMITH and his father at their address, No. 14, Lord Holland Road, Colchester, paying SMITH Snr. £2 per week for his board and lodging during this period.

I might mention at this stage that Stanley SMITH has been suspected of homosexual activities, and since his discharge from the Royal Army Ordnance Corps about 1950, his associates in Colchester have been men with either convictions for homosexuality, or known perverts. SMITH himself has no convictions, and has not previously come to the notice of the police in connection with any security matter.

It was apparently during his stay in England at this period that GARCION persuaded Stanley SMITH to leave home and go to live with him in France at the address already mentioned. This was very much against the wishes of SMITH'S father, who naturally, being a widower, wanted his son at home with him to help with the expenses of the home.

/GARCION

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GARCION paid all expenses for SMITH'S removal to France, and is now believed to have taken him into his business as a hairdresser. HEWIT regularly corresponds with SMITH and GARCION, and has stated that he is visiting them in France on the 25th January, 1956, returning about 31st January, 1956, travelling via Newhaven - Dieppe. GARCION is stated to be paying HEWIT'S full expenses for this trip.

I visited Mrs. HARRIES, HEWIT'S landlady, on Friday, 20th January, 1956, and although she is very favourably disposed towards HEWIT and considers that he has been a good friend to her since her husband's death about eighteen months ago, she was quite willing and co-operative in assisting me to make a thorough search of HEWIT'S apartment and belongings, and I feel quite sure that it will not come to his notice that I have done so. I found nothing at all in his rooms under lock or key, and so far as I could see there was nothing of security interest there. HEWIT was apparently at one time married - since divorced. There were several photographs of a female believed to be his ex-wife, also of a boy stated to be his son, and many photographs of male friends, some bearing endearing terms.

John Park HEWIT is the subject of C.R.O. file No. 22126/36. He has one previous conviction at Clacton-on-Sea Magistrates Court on 28/9/36. He was bound over in the sum of £10 for two years for larceny. He is stated to be a good linguist. It is interesting to note that at the time he applied for his present position he gave as his referees Capt. J. H. T. MARDALL, 17th Essex Home Guard Battalion, Wivenhoe Park, and a Thomas LAWLESS, licensee of "The Headgate Hotel," Colchester. LAWLESS, although he has no convictions, is a known pervert and an associate of a man named Noel Lancelot WEBB, who has convictions for gross indecency.

I have obtained a copy of a book published in December, 1955, by Daily Express Publications called "The Great Spy Scandal". HEWIT appears identical with the Jack HEWIT mentioned on pages 31 etc., of this book, as an associate of Guy BURGESS, and his photograph appears on page 30 of this book. HEWIT has been heard to say that he has no financial means at present beyond his pay which he receives from his occupation as clerk, amounting to approximately £8 per week. He is, however, supposed to hold a joint banking account with BURGESS which has been frozen since BURGESS disappeared from this country. How true this is I do not know. I am reporting here what he has stated to Mrs. HARRIES.

Since being in this district HEWIT has not come to the notice of the police on any matter affecting crime or security prior to the commencement of these present enquiries.

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 (Albert William Cornelius PARTRIDGE) was born on the 19th March, 1908, at Trowbridge, Wilts. He is a married man with no children. There were no convictions recorded against him prior to his appearance before the Court at Colchester last year. He received an elementary education and his first employment was with Messrs. HAMPTON, Estate Agents, Hanover Square, London, W.1., where he remained employed as a clerk until 1924. He then joined the Royal Corps of Signals as a Signaller, and completed his seven year engagement, his army number being 2316194. In 1931, having completed his army service, he was employed as a clerk with Messrs. Horace MARSHALL & SONS, Temple Avenue and Fleet Street, London, remaining there approximately four years. He was then employed as an insurance agent for the GRESHAM ASSURANCE CO., Fleet Street, London, until

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1939, when owing to his being in the Territorial Association he was called for military service, enlisting in the Royal Corps of Signals. He served throughout the last war, attaining the rank of Major and he was so serving until his arrest on the charge previously mentioned in this report.

I have found no suggestion or evidence during my enquiries into this matter that PARTRIDGE has associated with HEWIT in any way outside his normal course of duties. I am continuing enquiries in this direction and will report again should I be able to ascertain any outside connection these men have had.

I respectfully suggest that this report be forwarded to the Chief Constable for his information.

26/1/56.

J. H. Kemp.
Detective-Inspector

To: The Chief Constable,

Respectfully forwarded.

26/1/56.

A. W. Whipsan.
Superintendent.

PF.604591/D.1.

Your reference MI 11/1955/814

SECRET

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M.I.11. - Colonel Broughton.

Thank you for your further minute dated 25 January, 1956 regarding HEWIT.

2. I see no objection to Major PARTRIDGE being asked about his association with HEWIT and why he did not put HEWIT's name up for security vetting.

Courtenay Young.

M.I.5.
30.1.56.

SECRET

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CONFIDENTIALReference M^I 11/1955/814MI 5 (For Courtenay Young)John Park HEWIT

Further to my LM of even no. dated 23 Jan 56.

I attach a copy of a further report from HQ Eastern Command.

Major PARTRIDGE is on leave pending a decision as to his disposal following his conviction. I would like your advice as to whether PARTRIDGE should be interviewed as to his association with HEWIT and his reason for omitting to have him vetted.

My own opinion is that the sooner we get rid of HEWIT from anything to do with the Army the better.

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27 JAN 1956

TO DI-
REF A-604591

J.R. Brayton

Lt Col.

MI 11

25 Jan. 56.

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COPYPERSONAL and CONFIDENTIALHEADQUARTERS EASTERN COMMAND,
HOUNSLOW,
MIDDLESEX.

Tel: HOUNSLOW 2371, Ext. 28

EC/927/G(Int)

23 Jan, 56.

The Under Secretary of State,
The War Office (M.I.11)
(For the attention of Major HILL)Subject: Security - Civilian Personnel -
Mr. John PARK HEWIT.Further to our letter EC/927/G(Int) dated 19 Jan 56 and telecon
HILL/MACMILLAN of today's date.1. Herewith, extracts from EAST ANGLIAN District letter 2802 (Int) dated
21 Jan 56:-"Further detailed investigations have now been carried out which have
revealed the following additional information:-

- (a) Mr. HEWIT was engaged by a Major A.W.C. PARTRIDGE, R. Sigs on 8 Aug 55 as a Clerk Grade III in the Signal Office of 3 Sqn EC Signal Regt on the start of their civilianisation.
- (b) At approximately the same time, three other civilians were also engaged by Major PARTRIDGE. They were:-
 - (i) Mr. F.N. HAWKINS (Major PARTRIDGE's brother-in-law) - Signals Centre Clerk.
 - (ii) Mr. W.J. WRIGHT (now resigned) - Signals Centre Clerk.
 - (iii) Mr. C.A. SELF - Signals Centre Clerk.
- (c) On the 16 Aug 55 under reference 1033 Major PARTRIDGE sent the names of the above three civilians direct to M.I.11(a) War Office on AF B2764. This was contrary to existing security instructions for this Headquarters which state that the security vetting of civilians should be sent to G(Int) Branch of this Headquarters on Forms E 90 Estaploy (in duplicate). These forms are then forwarded to HQ EASTERN Command G(Int) under our reference number 22/12/G(int).
- (d) A detailed investigation of the files in the 3 Sqn EC Signal Regt office reveals no trace of any security vetting form being submitted for Mr. J.P. HEWIT.
- (e) Captain R.B. HANDISYDE, R.Sigs, who took over the command of 3 Sqn EC Signal Regt when Major PARTRIDGE was arrested on the 28 Nov 55 by the Civil Police on a charge of larceny, states that Mr. HEWIT in his capacity as a Grade III Clerk to the Signal Branch has access to a certain number of classified military documents not above the security grading of SECRET.
- (f) Captain HANDISYDE also reports that Mr. HEWIT was in possession of a duplicate key to the Cypher office safe although the key to this safe was supposed to be kept in a sealed envelope in the OC 3 Sqn office safe. The Cypher safe has been examined and apparently contains no documents of any description.

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- (g) Mr. HEWIT is at the present moment living with a woman of extremely doubtful moral character and at nights serves behind the bar in the "ROBIN HOOD" Hotel - a Public House in COLCHESTER of an extremely unsavoury reputation.
- (h) Mr. HEWIT is known locally as a confirmed practising Homo-sexual and it appears that from what he has said to local civilians that he visit to PARIS on the 25 Jan 56 is for the purpose of indulging in his unnatural vices.
- (j) A discreet investigation has revealed that Mr. HEWIT has no documents of a military nature either classified or unclassified in his private rooms in COLCHESTER.
- (k) In mid October Major PARTRIDGE sent Mr. HEWIT to EASTERN Command on a Telephone Accounts Course. On his return from this Course he was given the task of checking all telephone bills that were submitted to 3 Sqn EC Signal Regt. To do this, he was given a list of the telephone numbers of all units in EASTERN Command, which in fact is equivalent to an EASTERN Command ORBAT.

A detailed investigation as to the type of classified document Mr. HEWIT has had access to during his employment here as a TC III, reveals that he cannot, as far as it is possible to ascertain, have had access to any classified documents of a vital security nature.

It is confirmed that he has not had any access to wireless frequencies other than those for the local wireless sets, nor has he had any access to any classified information concerning any allied forces. There are no Cyphers held by 3 Sqn EC Signal Regt."

2. To date, no indication has been given to Mr. HEWIT that he is under investigation, but discreet steps have been taken to ensure that no classified documents in the Signal Office are allowed to be in his possession. It will be appreciated that in order not to arouse his suspicions it is impossible to prevent him seeing minor classified documents.

(Sgd.) H.A. MACMILLAN
for Lieutenant-General,
General Officer Commanding in Chief.
EASTERN COMMAND.

PF.604591/D.1.

Your reference MI 11/1955/814

SECRET

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M.I.11. - Colonel Broughton.

Please refer to your minute dated
23 January, 1956.

2. With regard to HEWIT having access to secret information our views remain the same as expressed in our letter to Rumbold dated 18 August, 1953, namely that HEWIT should not have access to secret information. If he can be denied this access there is no objection from our point of view to his continued employment as temporary clerk.

3. I agree that the omission by PARTRIDGE to have HEWIT security vetted is curious and I would be interested to hear whether any further investigation you can make throws any light upon this. We have nothing recorded against PARTRIDGE here.

Courtenay Young.

M.I.5.
26.1.56.

SECRET

27/1/56

SECRETReference MI 11/1955/814

MI 5 (For Courtenay Young)

John Park HEWIT

1. We had considerable correspondence with you about this man ending with your PF 604591 of 29 Sep 53.
2. In Oct 53 we raised no objection to his being employed as a civilian clerk to 17 Essex HQ Bn at COLCHESTER. Since then he has become a civilian clerk with No.3 Sqn Eastern Command Signal Regt where he now is.
3. I attach a copy of correspondence received from HQ Eastern Command, which may be of interest. I have informed MI6 of the visit to PARIS giving dates and route in case they are interested.
4. Another curious factor has now however come to light. In No.3 Sqn Eastern Command Signal Regt is a Major A.W.C. PARTRIDGE, who was recently convicted of stealing money. In spite of intense psychiatric examination no reason for this lapse has been brought to light. It now transpires that PARTRIDGE was instrumental in engaging HEWIT and two other civilians at the same time. While he took steps to have the two other civilians security vetted, HEWIT was omitted for some reason although he has had access to SECRET information. There may be no relation between PARTRIDGE's theft, his engagement of HEWIT and the omission of having him vetted but we feel that it might be worth investigation. We would like your advice on this and also whether HEWIT is a fit person to have access to SECRET information and if NOT whether he should merely be denied such information or discharged.

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24 JAN 1956

REF *A. 604591. Held RS**J.R. Broughton.*

Lt Col

MI 11

23 Jan. 56.

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Hq No.3 Squadron.
Eastern Command Signals.

HQ East Anglian District.

Subject:- Security - Personnel (Mr. J. Hewit)

Ref. conversation Maynard/Handisyde on 16 Jan 56.

Mr. J. Hewit is employed by this Squadron as a temporary Clerk Grade III. He is obviously of a higher educational, cultural and social standing than his present employment status would lead me to expect.

The following statements are almost entirely hearsay but to me would appear to warrant a stringent security check being carried out.

- (i) Employed pre-war as a dancer (chorus boy?) sometime associated with Ivor Novello.
- (ii) During war served in Royal Artillery as a clerk - rising to sergeant.
- (iii) After demobilization activities uncertain but re-enlisted and finally left Service about 1954.
- (iv) Employed by County T & AF Association (? Essex) as orderly room clerk to an RA (TA) Regiment.
- (v) A book called "The Great Spy Scandal" (or some similar name) which purports to be a history of the Burgess and McClean Affair, mentions a Mr. Jack Hewit as sharing a flat in Bond Street (?) with Eric Burgess. It prints a photograph which is a likeness of our Mr. Jack Hewit.
- (vi) He has, from his conversation, obviously travelled widely and appears to speak several languages.

Altogether he is an unlikely character to be holding an indifferently paid job as a clerk. He has applied for - and I have approved - leave from 25 January to 1 February and tells me he is going to Paris "on business". He said he would be travelling on the "Newhaven-Dieppe" route, (which appears to be an unusual route to Paris from Colchester).

I first started watching him as he was occupying an office upstairs with a young N.S. soldier of effeminate mien and I was worried about any possibility of homosexuality taking place.

(Sgd) R.B.Handisyde, Capt.

R.B.H.
27/1/56

S. Form 388

Copy for PF 604591

Original at 710 in Supp. Vol. 9
of PF 604582.**SECRET**

NAME:

BLUNDEN.

T.C. No.:

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2135.

Tel. No.:

WEL 1388.

Date :

1.II.55.

Responsible Section:

D.I.a.



Incoming call to BLUNDEN from Jack HEWITT. BLUNDEN asked if JACK had got his letter. JACK had but it was too late for him to do anything about it yesterday. BLUNDEN asked where JACK arrived. JACK said he had got to come up so would be up most of the day. BLUNDEN said if it was easier for JACK they could meet Piccadilly direction, but it did not matter to JACK. BLUNDEN said tomorrow he had got to be at the Club at 8.0. so suggested between 7.15 and 7.30 at the pub at the corner of Jermyn St. and Haymarket. BLUNDEN thanked JACK for ringing.

14.7.

U.J.B.

BP D/A
c/m/55.

Note for PF 604591 HEWITT

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Maynard telephoned in respect of his letter in which he said that the names of the two people he had mentioned were Brian HILL and George HARVEY. HILL's occupation was in some way connected with journalism and membership of the Gas Council (sic). HARVEY is a solicitor connected with the "Save the Children Fund". Their London address is no. 7, Clarendon Road, W.11.

The BURGESS and MACLEAN index shows that HILL is known to have been a friend of BURGESS and HEWITT under the name of Leonard @ Brian HILL and that he is also known to BLUNT. We have no record in the BURGESS and MACLEAN index of HARVEY.

R. T. Reed.
R. T. Reed.

D.1.A.
14.10.55.

22/10/55

SECRET

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FF 604,591/D1A/RTR.

12 October 1955.

Dear Maynard,

Please refer to your letter of 30 September 1955 about HEWITT.

This person is undoubtedly identical with the character John Park HEWIT alias Jack HEWITT alias Jackie HEWIT who shared a flat with Guy BURGESS at no. 10 New Bond Street, W.1. for some years. After the BURGESS and MACLEAN disappearance he joined the Army but was discharged by them in about October 1953. We do not know who employs him at the moment.

When I spoke to you last week I said that if it were possible to obtain them I should like to have further particulars of HILL and HARVEY in order to identify them in our records. Perhaps you would let us have these in due course.

I am returning to you the forms for Michael, Edgar, Horace and Harold HEWITT whom you suggested as candidates.

Jackie HEWIT is well known to us from the BURGESS case and is well known to the press. The Daily Express ran a number of articles on him shortly after the disappearance and I notice from a copy of the American magazine "Time" of 3 October 1955 that he is described as the "male prostitute" with whom BURGESS lived both before he went to Washington and after his return.

Yours sincerely,

R. T. Reed.

E. F. G. Maynard, Esq.,
Security Department,
Foreign Office.

BODM
12/10/55

S. Form 338

Original at 699 in PF 604582 Supp Vol. 9
Copy for PF 604591.**SECRET**

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NAME: BLUNDEN.
 Tel. No.: WEL 4181.
 Responsible Section: D.I.a.

T.C. No.: 2147.

Date: 7.10.55.

Outgoing call from BLUNDEN to MARGARET at the Lord Chamberlains Office. After a discussion about pictures hanging in St. James's Palace, BLUNDEN asked MARGARET if she had seen JACK, he had not but had heard from ELSA that he (JACK) had rung while he was still away. He had gathered from ELSA that either MARGARET or somebody had seen him - perhaps OLIVER. MARGARET had not seen JACK but said OLIVER had seen him through the window of a coffee bar or something.

M: I've heard nothing at all.

B: No repercussions, no. I gather he told ELSA he'd lost his job owing to the renewed GUY outburst.

M: Oh. I think -

B: Which is untrue .

M: ..some reasons why he'd lost his job.

B: Well, I'm sure they were - partly because ~~xxxx~~ - ~~xxxx~~ I gather from OLIVER's evidence that he was in London before that. Also I think he said something about loosing his job when he telephoned me before I went away in August. I'm afraid.

M: Yes. As I never know when JACK's lying or when he isn't, I couldn't help you.....

B: I'm glad you haven't been bothered.

M: Have you had any repercussions.

B: Oh - no, not directly, no. It's just all very unpleasant, thats all.

M: Yes, I'm sorry.

B: Well it can't be helped.

M: Do you think it will go on simmering for a long time, or do you think it will sort of -

B: I should think after this and - the really unpleasant part of it is going to be the debate in the House.

M: Yes.

B: I should think there ~~xxxxxx~~ then will be a terrifi explosio . Well it depends if they enforce the issue and demand an inquiry. Then I suppose we??? will go on otherwise I suppose a statement will be made, a debate will be held and then it might concievably die down.

M: Yes, its all horrid isn't it. I can't read?? intervals.

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8/11/55

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B: No, well I can't not read it.

The switchboard interrupted to say there was
a long distance call for Mr. MILLER.
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U.J.B.

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Foreign Office, S.W. 1.

SECRET

September 30, 1955.

Dear Symonds,

I think I should pass on to you some local gossip which has come to light where I live, at Waresley in Huntingdonshire. The "Vine House" at Waresley is used as a weekend cottage by a couple of middle-aged pansies called Hill and Harvey. I am now told that Burgess was a regular visitor to their cottage and that another visitor, associated with Burgess, was called Hewitt. He was described to me as holding a diplomatic job not in the Foreign Office. I pressed for more details but my informant dried up, evidently from a wish not to tell tales about Hill and Harvey who are well liked in the village.

Hill and Harvey are quite pleasant and educated individuals. I know nothing of their politics but anyone who is a frequent visitor to their cottage must fall under suspicion of being a homosexual. I understand that they have annual visits from a number of men who are presumably of similar inclinations to themselves. Such a visit has taken place again in the past fortnight and I understand that Hill and Harvey's housekeeper has remarked that they were very secretive as to the identity of their visitors, which they had never been before.

R.C. Symonds, Esq.,
Security Service.

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The villagers are, of course, quite ignorant as to what constitutes a diplomatic appointment and Hewitt might be working in some quite different capacity. The only Hewitts we have in the Foreign Service are Edgar and Michael Hewitt whose personal particulars form I attach. We also have a record of a Horace Hewitt, who is now in the Board of Trade and Harold Hewitt formerly in the Allied Control Commission in Austria.

A Peter Hewitt (p.f. 86,945) is mentioned in your letter (p.f. 733,154) of November 25, 1954 as a die-hard Communist. I have not attempted to make any enquiries in the village as the villagers know of my connection with the Foreign Office and are very cagey.

Yours sincerely,
E.F.G. Maynard

E.F.G. Maynard

S. Form 388

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604582.

SECRET

NAME: BLUNDEN.

Tel. No.: WEL 4181.

Responsible Section: D.I.a.

T.C. No.: 2147.

Date: 29.9.55.

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Incoming call to BLUNDEN from ANDY. Conversation started with inquiries after BLUNDEN's Mothers health, and continued with their seperate visits to the Gaugin exhibition

BLUNDEN then asked if ANDY saw that rather disagreeable magazine called 'Time', which came out today and had got an extremely unpleasant article including a statement about JACK, "which is just one single statement but which is so extremely libellous -".

A: Who is mentioned?

B: Just JACK. It simply says - what it actually says - GUY living at this time, particular phase, with a male prostitute called etcetera.

A: Yes.

B: And I don't know - it's an American paper isn't it?

A: Yes, its an American paper.. And the libel laws in America are entirely different.

B: Yes, but I wonder whether English law does ... if you send the thing into this country, do you know at all?

A: No, no. ..only if it is an English edition.

B: Its called Atlantic edition.

A: I see. What you can - technically according to the English libel law one could sue the people who said it, you see.

B: Oh I see.

A: I mean, who said it, but ...I mean ~~xxx~~ probably some sort of W.H. Smith or - whoever does it, and stop it. I mean, an injunction against it.

B: Well of course it would be too late, and anyhow that would merely - No, I think the only point of interest from any point of view would be, if JACK gets some money out of it, frankly.

A: Yes. Actually, I would be rather doubtful -

B: So would I.

A: To suggest anything.

B: Oh, ANDY don't think I'm going to suggest it, what I'm thinking is that he will certainly suggest it.

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A: Yes, well I mean he'd need an enormous amount of money. ...require annenormous amount of money.

B: What? To carry out a case.

A: To carry out a case, and he will have to find a ~~ix~~ lawyer because it throw him on a sort of risk case.

B: Yes. I wasn't certain whether in that sort of case they might, if there was any legal basis at all, whether it might be a case of threatening them, and hoping to get a little settlement out of court.

A: Yes.

B: Don't think for a moment I shall encourage it.

A: Its a very~~x~~ dangerous thing, you know, because I mean after all I mean, the Time magazine may ~~make~~ say that they may risk a law suit for publicity reasons.

B: Oh well, exactly.

A: What do they mind to pay £10,000 damages, its wonderful publicity for them.

B: Exactly.

A: They are millionaires - so one doesn't know really. They don't amplfy it or -

B: Thats all.

A: Thats all, I see. Pity. He ~~will~~ obviously will consult that lawyer friend of his, I suppose.

B: What I'm afraid he may do is to go and consult his friends on the Daily Express. Or, I think in fact, he'll try and get in~~x~~ touch with me.

A: Yes. Its very difficult for you to advise him, I think the only advice would be to consult a lawyer.

B: I think probably the only thing to do would be ~~to~~ for me to consult my lawyer.

A: That he should consult your lawyer?

B: Or that I should for him. That my lawyer should be consulte~~d~~.

A: I wouldn't like you to get very much involved.

B: No.

A: Honestly, BLUNDEN, I would rather not. I know how you feel, its absolutely disgraceful and disgusting, but I think it would be very bad for you, I mean, from all points of view to -. Don't you agree?

B: Yes.

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A: At least -

B: No, I think probably the simplest thing to do is just say 'Oh, I'll pay for one -'.

A: Exactly - go and see him and you'll pay for one consultation. I mean - it's very complicated to do it here, for an American paper, all one could do is to see?? an injunction and then sue the people who distributed here.

B: Yes.

ANDY continued 'they' (Time) had an enormous office here with ..HENRY .. in charge - TIME LIFE. BLUNDEN thought it was something different. ANDY told him it was Senator ~~ROBERT~~ LUCE who owned these two papers, he did not know whether it was an editorial office or maybe there was an English company. BLUNDEN said it did not show anything obviously English about this. ANDY pointed out that they had an enormous editorial office in every country, but the material must have been supplied by the London office.

B: Yes obviously.

A: And on what basis God knows. Most unpleasant - very unpleasant.

B: It was Mrs. BASSETT who rang me up and called my attention to it.

A: You haven't seen her?

B: I saw her last night, yes.

A: Was it terribly depressing?

B: It was rather less - it was less painful than I had expected. Mainly I think, I really think only because somehow we didn't @ we never really got down to it.

A: Yes, yes.

B: And she talked away, and I think in a way was talking round it.

A : Yes. Well, it's probably better.

B: Well it certainly made it very much easier. I mean we talked but nothing??? but GUY but more in a -

A: Not in a direct way.

B: No, not in - not in a very direct way on this immediate aspect????

A: And how was she, I mean, terribly -

B: I think, oddly enough, in many ways better than I'd seen her.

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A: How odd.

B: Well, I don't know??? - ...superficial impression
...or she may have had just the right amount of gin,
or something. Of course it was made a great deal
easier by the fact that 'he' was busy about the
house. Much easier.

BLUNDEN thanked ANDY for ringing. They might meet
over the week-end, they might go to Hampton Court.
ANDY hoped it was all going to be all right.

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153y

NAME: BLUNDEN

T.C. No.: 2843

Tel. No.: WEL 1074

Date: 29.9.55

Responsible Section: D.I.a.



Incoming call from Mrs BASSETT to BLUNDEN.
She asked him-

Mrs B. Do you ever see 'Time'?

B. Very rarely.

Mrs B. Well, it's very unpleasant, I don't know whether I'll send you my copy, or, whether you get one.

B. It's unpleasant is it?

Mrs. B. It's very - they've dragged JACKIE in.

B. Oh - But 'Time' is the English -

Mrs B. It came out today. It's printed-
You know that little red thing.

B. I know, I was muddling it with 'Time & Life'.

Mrs B. Oh no, this is 'Time' - that's the only person they have dragged in, but they have dragged (that) in. I'm going to try and conceal it from everyone in the house, I might not be able to but I think I may. It's only out today.

She offered to send BLUNDEN her copy but he said that he would go and get one himself.

Mrs BASSETT said that she had just wanted to warn him - she did not know if JACKIE would ring him.

BLUNDEN said that he believed he tried to ring him last week when he was away.

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Extract for File No.: PF 604591 Name: HEWETT 153x
 Original in File No.: PF 604582 Supp Vol.: 9 Serial: 687 Receipt Date: 26.9.55.
 Original from: TC on BLUNDEN Under Ref.: 2843 Dated: 24.9.55.
 Extracted on: 7.12.55. by: BF Section: D1A

O/g from BLUNDEN to WEL 0049 ELSA. He told her Shirley WOOLMER?? had been round looking for JOHN, and while seeing him off BLUNDEN had got caught by John WAITE?? He repeated his thoughts of further French strikes and did not think it was the moment to go to Paris.

ELSA said she had got his card this morning.

ELSA then asked if BLUNDEN had some idea of what was going on. BLUNDEN said he had during the last 24 hours, he had got some papers in Milan, he had seen nothing at all until about Thursday -

E: There has been slight activity last week again.

B: There was?

Hewitt — E: And your friend is in London. So -

B: Oh Lord.

BLUNDEN asked ELSA to come round for a drink now. ELSA would like to and would like to speak to him. 18.52.

U.J.B.

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SECRETNAME: ~~WEL~~ BLUNDEN

T.C. No.: 2135

Tel. No.: WEL 1388

Date: 20.9.55

Responsible Section: D.L.A.



153w

Incoming call for BLUNDEN from (JACKIE HEWETT?).
ELSA SCHERRER said that he was abroad and she did not know when he was returning. The last message yesterday morning was not to forward any post because he would be travelling about. She said that she did really not expect him back until the end of the month.

J.H. That will be too late.

E. Oh dear!

J.H. Oh dear, what about this new lot

E. Oh it's awful isn't it.

J.H. Charming isn't it.

E. Have you personally heard anything?

J.H. Oh yes- bored stiff....

E. Oh I see.

J.H. I just changed my job too.

E. Look, the only thing I can suggest is that you try at the beginning of the week when I may know something more definite.

J.H. All right ELSA.

15.38

L.E.

BPD: A
6/12/55

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STOP NOTE: Periodic rescrutiny.

John Park HEWIT - ZH.432105A.

Our Ref: 9,299.

Your Ref: PF.604,591/B.2.A./CAGS.

Address at 19.10.53: ~~c/o~~ Headgate Hotel, St. Johns Street,
Colchester.

Employer: Essex Territorial & Aux. Forces Assoc.,
T.A. Centre, Market Road, Chelmsford.

HMF (No. 228101193) 15.9.52 to 16.10.53.

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Extract for File No.: PF. 604,591. *HEWITT.* Name: HEWITT.

Original in File No.:* PF. 604/582/Supp. Serial: Vol: 8 Receipt Date: 2.1.54.

Original from: T.C. on BLUNDEN. Under Ref: 2136. Dated: 1.1.54.

Extracted on: 5.1.54. by: JC Section: D.1.A.

Extract from T.C. on BLUNDEN to SCHEERER re HEWITT. 1.1.54. Friday.

- E. " Well what happened yesterday, no the day before, in the morning I was up in the flat (N.B. think ELSA must be wrong about the day as did not get the call.), the telephone rang, and JACK was on the 'phone."
- B. " Oh God! " (in a changed tone of voice)."
- E. " From Colchester."
- B. " Yes? (tersely)"
- E. " But he just wanted to find out whether Mrs. BASSETT had been in touch with you; so I told him that Mrs. BASSETT knew you were away, and therefore hadn't been in touch with you. And he said, 'Do you know, you have read the papers, and I just wanted to know whether there's any message'"
- B. " Whether there's a message for him, yes. Well of course there probably is."
- E. " Yes. And er, he was very nice; and I told him you would probably be back next week, so he may try to ring again. And he said that the awful thing was that he has a feeling there must be a leakage, because

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how could they have known of this letter?"

B. " Oh that's silly! That's absolutely silly! No, no, that's quite silly! Leakage, what from M.I. 5.? Oh, no! "

E. " Well you see, he says, unless Mrs. BASSETT in the first place informed the Press, how did they get hold of it, he said?"

B. " Well she must have told so many people. No, no that's quite silly! No, I'm afraid that's a typical sort of JACK"

E. " Well he said the same thing happened with him, you see: you only knew about the interview; and how did the paper get hold of it?

B. " Which interview?" (tensely)

E. " At the time, you know when JACK had the interview."

B. " Yes. (Pause). Oh I see!"

E. " So he puts it"

B. " (cutting her short) Well I'm afraid he's just lying."

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- E. " Yes. Well anyhow, I expect he will ring to find out."
- B. " Well now that's really monstrous of him, because I mean that, that paragraph about his interview was obviously dictated by him, to his own credit!"
- E. " I just have a feeling ANTHONY that he wanted to be nice to me."
- B. " Yes well that's something!"
- E. " and talk.. And he asked me how I was; and did I know how you were, and how MARGARET was, and so on. But I think he will ring you know, to find out."
- B. " Yes. Well you see, there very likely is a message for him."
- E. " Yes, well I thought that all the time."
- B. " Extremely likely No, I thought he might get in touch, because of course well Mrs. BASSETT couldn't get in touch with him, but anyhow wouldn't."
- E. " Yes. Well I said to her that you were probably returning this week-end

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you see, and she said she would ring

BLUNDEN said that in that case he had better get on to her tomorrow.

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CONFIDENTIALReference M.I.11/1955/814M.I.5 (Mr. Simkins) *B2A**150a*22810193 Bdr. HEWIT, J. P.

Reference your PF 604591.

This man has applied for a job as a civilian clerk
to 17th Essex Home Guard Battalion, Wivenhoe Park,
Colchester.

We have raised no objection to this appointment.

ENCL *22 OCT 1953*TO REF

B2A *held R.S.*
PF 604591

F. Kumbles
Lt. Col.

M.I.11

21 October, 1953.

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NOTE FOR FILE

With reference to 146a, Colonel Rumbold rang up on 30th September and informed Mr. Simkins that HEWIT had given his address on discharge as

X 23 Blackhorse Road,
Mongotsfield,
near Bristol,
Gloucestershire. X

This is the address of his married sister,
Mrs. BECKETT.

B.2.A.
1.10.53

[Handwritten signature]
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PF. 604,591/B2A/CAGS

29th September 1953.

Dear Rumbold,

22810193 Bdr. HEWIT, J.P. - R.A.

We should like to keep track of this man,
and I should be very grateful if you could let me
have the address, if any, which he gives on discharge.
Failing this, could I have the address which he gave
when last proceeding on leave ?

Yours sincerely,

C.A.G.

C.A.G. Simkins

Lt. Col. A.G. Rumbold M.C.,
M.I.11,
The War Office.

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FF.604591/B.2.A./WJS.Commander,
Special Branch.

You will doubtless recall that at the request of Foreign Office you undertook certain enquiries in connection with Jack HEWIT some time ago. At that time he was serving as a Bombadier in the Royal Artillery, and you may be interested to keep your files up to date by noting that he has now been discharged from the Army "Services no longer required for the purpose for which he enlisted".

It appears that HEWIT has been trying to behave himself in the Army, and indeed his removal from it sprang rather from the fact that through promotion he was reaching the position where he would have been brought into touch with confidential classified information, a situation which the Army could not tolerate and accordingly suggested that he should be transferred to some less vulnerable employment. HEWIT resisted such a transfer and accordingly was given his discharge.


Director General.24th September, 1953.Jm/B2
24.9.53

From:- Major J.B. Gillies, A & SH, D.A.A.G.

HEADQUARTERS,

WESTERN COMMAND,

CHESTER.

WCSOP/2/172.

Telephone : Chester 24666. EXT. 11

17 September 1953.

Dear *Mars.*

22810193 Bdr HEWIT. J.P. - RA.

Reference your PF 604591/BIE/RGIE/A dated 20th January 1953, and further to my letter of even reference dated 2nd September 1953.

I have just been informed by the BRA that the above NCO was interviewed by Lt Col RUMBOLD MI 11 a few days ago and was told that he must leave the army immediately.

The NCO has now been posted to Depot RA, WOOLWICH pending discharge procedure.

As there would appear to be little point in sending on the file to the Link, Eastern Command, for only a few days I am therefore sending it to you for such action as you consider necessary.

Please acknowledge receipt on attached AF A16.

Yours *sincerely*

John Gillies

W.S. Mars., Esq.,
Box 500.
Parliament Street, B0.
London S.W. 1.

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19 SEP 1953

TO BIE D.A.A.G. 22/6

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NOTE.

Col. Rumbold M.I.11 rang to say that he had been telephoned today by a reporter, who said that the Express newspaper have received a story which they are proposing to publish that Jack HEWIT has been called to the War Office in connection with the disappearance of Mrs. MACLEAN.

Rumbold told the paper that there was no truth in the story but he gained the impression that they are likely to publish it nevertheless.

B.2.A.
18.9.53.

W. J. Skardon.

✓ 1430/9

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I interviewed again today.

He said that, if he could not be employed E.R.E. in RA he would like to be transferred- to the Pay Corps. I told him that I very much doubted whether he would be accepted in the Pay Corps but I would try if he wished.

He then asked whether he would continue to be "watched" while he remained in the Army. I told him that for some time he would be inevitably under some suspicion, but that this would not affect his career and his comrades would not suspect that he was under supervision. I then told him frankly that, if there was any chance that he might revert to his former way of life, the resulting publicity in the Army would be greater than if he was in civil life.

He then agreed that it would be better if he took his discharge - the terms of which I explained to him - and signed the endorsed certificate.

With the agreement of AG 6, I told him to report back to Western Command where he would be posted to the RA Depot. He should there await further instructions. I think we are well rid of him.

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RS

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(Sgd) A.G. RUMBOLD
Lt-Colonel GS
MI11
15 Sep 53

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PF 604591

Held RS

Copy to MI5 (Mr. C.A.G. Simkins) - Your PF. 604,591/B2A/CAGS
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12 SEP 1953

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DDPS(A)

I have interviewed HEWIT. His first re-action was that he felt he had no aptitude for TARA or as a Surveyor and, if he could not continue as a clerk, he would like to leave the Army.

He fully appreciated the reason why he could not continue as a clerk.

I sent him on leave to think it over. He is reporting to me again on 15 Sep.

I got the strong impression that Hewit was having great difficulty in maintaining a moral standard in the Army. In a separate interview with Scardon, the latter formed the same impression and Hewit told him that he was frightened of "breaking out".

Hewit's former activities are known to the Press and there would be a great deal of undesirable publicity if details of any court-martial were published in the future.

AG1(C) (Sibbald) has suggested that, as Hewit has previous service (1940-46), and in spite of the fact that he has only completed one year of a new 22 year engagement, he should be discharged S.N.L.R. "for the purposes for which he enlisted".

If Hewit still wants to take his discharged, may I have permission to tell him that this will be done and get him to accept the terms of the S.N.L.R. I gather he will be entitled to terminal benefits. If this is agreed, could he be posted to the RA Depot pending discharged?

(Sgd) A.G. RUMBOLD Lt-Col GS

MI11

11 Sep 53

Copy to NIS - Your

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Interview with Jack HEWIT on 7.9.53.

When I rang Colonel Rumbold, M.I.11, to make arrangements for an interview with HEWIT, I heard from him that he was proposing to arrange for HEWIT to come to London so that he might convey to him personally the War Office decision that HEWIT should not be given promotion in his present trade of clerk, because this would bring him into contact with classified information. It appears that War Office was being extremely generous to HEWIT, for they realised that merely to put a stop to his well deserved promotion because he would thereby have such access, would be unfair, and they were proposing to post him to some other suitable unit where he would receive his advancement without gaining any important information. Colonel Rumbold suggested that I should take advantage of that interview to see HEWIT and put my questions.

It was subsequently arranged that the interview should take place at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 7th September, and I was there at the right time. HEWIT, however, was delayed and I was unable to await his arrival but saw him at 2.30 p.m. the same day in Room 026, War Office.

In the meantime Colonel Rumbold had seen Hewit, who was dismayed at the prospect of a transfer, and suggested that if he were not to make progress in a clerical grade it would probably be better if he left the Army. Colonel Rumbold informed me before my interview with HEWIT of this situation, suggesting that the Army would not be altogether sorry if HEWIT asked for his release, but he asked me to let him know what HEWIT was thinking when I saw him later that day.

In accordance with the request made in Minute 132, I asked HEWIT what he meant by the passage in the alleged letter to Brian HOWARD at 115a. He remembered that he had explained this once before, but he repeated the explanation again. The first and fundamental thing to remember about the letter at 115a is that it was one which was not despatched but was produced by HEWIT to support the other material that he passed to the "Daily Express" newspaper. The particular passage which suggested that a year earlier Brian HOWARD was going to denounce Donald MACLEAN referred, according to HEWIT, to a belief which he and others held that Brian HOWARD was the informant in the matters disclosed by Stephen SPENDER to a "Daily Express" reporter, and which had been publicised by the newspaper shortly after the disappearance of MACLEAN and BURGESS, during the course of an interview between SPENDER and the press. HEWIT had since discovered that this information was given to SPENDER by John LEHMANN, and not as they had thought at the time by HOWARD.

(I am unable clearly to remember the terms of the disclosure made by SPENDER to the press, but I am aware of the fact that it referred in some manner to a communication from John LEHMANN which embodied the suspicion that Guy BURGESS and not Donald MACLEAN had at some time worked for the Russian Intelligence Service. I interviewed John LEHMANN and his sister Rosamund, discovering as the result of these interviews that Goronwy REES had informed Rosamund LEHMANN of Guy BURGESS's confession to him that he was in contact with a foreign agency.)

Obviously HEWIT's letter to Brian HOWARD does not make sense, nor does his explanation of its contents, but it is hardly likely that they would, since the letter is a fiction as is described earlier.

I found HEWIT to be alarmed at the prospect of leaving the Army, for he did not know what his chances would be in civilian employment, but he was fairly decided that he could not accept a transfer to some survey section or the Army Pay Corps, as was suggested by Colonel Rumbold. He has until Tuesday, 15th September, to think about this, and is then to see Colonel Rumbold once more. I told HEWIT in plain terms that if my Department were called upon to advise in this matter, we should have to agree with the Army decision. He saw the sense of it, but still thought it rather a pity and plaintively suggested that it was a terrible waste both of his clerical ability and the efforts that he has made during the past year to keep "straight". He suggested in his usual one might say blackmailing manner,

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that he had kept straight "so far", and it seemed quite likely that before his next interview with Colonel Rumbold he will have strayed once more from the path of rectitude which he claims successfully to have trod during these last few months. I think it quite likely that he will take refuge in this moment of disappointment in some project which will provide him with excitement. I counselled him to take advantage of the Army's generosity if possible, and to do nothing without careful thought, and I urged him not lightly to throw away the efforts that he claims to have made to lead a new life.

I informed Colonel Rumbold of the interview, and I am sure that we must agree both with the decision to transfer HEWITT and with Colonel Rumbold's feeling that the Army would be the better without HEWITT. If he is to receive some discharge on compassionate grounds, a possibility which Colonel Rumbold thinks will do away with any suggestion that his services were no longer required, we ought perhaps through my agency to caution HEWITT to steer clear of the press and observe a discreet silence in the matter of BURGESS and MACLEAN.

B.2.A.
9.9.53.



W. J. Skardon.

From: - Major J.B. Gillies, A & SH, D.A.A.G.
HEADQUARTERS,

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WESTERN COMMAND,
CHESTER.

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Telephone : Chester 24666. EXT. 11

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September 1953.

Dear

Mars.

REF PF 604591

Held R5.

22810193 Bdr HEWIT. J.P. - RA.

Your reference PF 604591/BIE/RGIE/A.

The file on the above named NCO has been passed to me from the Link, HQ Eastern Command, as the soldier was posted from 48 Fd Regt RA to BRA HQ Western Command.

Although correspondence on the file shows that there is no objection to HEWIT being employed as a regimental clerk, it is doubtful if it was ever envisaged that he should be employed as an RA clerk at a Command Headquarters.

The GSO2 RA visited MI 11 yesterday and was informed that HEWIT should NOT be employed by RA Branch and in fact should be encouraged to change his gunner trade.

Steps are now being taken to this end and I will notify you of the outcome.

Yours

Sincerely

Jim Gillies

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London S.W. 1.

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D.D.P.S.(A)22810193 Bdr. HEWIT, J. P., R.A.

This man joined the Army on a 22 year engagement in the summer of 1952.

This man was a very close associate for many year of Guy Burgess, one of the two "missing diplomats". His personal life to the time of re-joining the Army last year, was, to say the least of it, most unsavoury.

Shortly after he re-joined, he was closely interrogated by Scotland Yard, and by M.I.5 and was also seen by Lt. Colonel Rumbold. M.I.5 were very anxious that he should be given every opportunity to turn over a new leaf, and it was reasonably certain that he himself was determined to out himself entirely adrift from his former life.

Hewit has not shown any signs of unreliability during the last year. He is a man of high intelligence and has passed two trade tests as a R.A. clerk. He is now employed in the R.A. Branch at Western Command.

We have, however, been informed by M.I.5 that it is undesirable that this man should have access to secret information, in view of the black mail to which he is open, and the comparatively short time he has had to redeem himself from years of vice. If he is left in the clerical branch he will rapidly obtain promotion and we cannot continue to deny him access to secret information.

If you agree, therefore, we shall be grateful if you would authorise his regrading as a technical assistant or Surveyor R.A., where his access to secret information will be far more limited and where, we are assured, he will have equal chances of promotion.

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Col.
D.D.M.I. (O & S)
1 September, 1953.

Letter to M.I.5: (Re B.A.C. Simkins) - (Down PF 604, 591/B2A/CACS
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18th August, 1953.

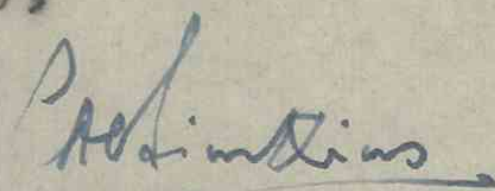
Dear Rumbold,

I am replying to your Minute, reference M.I.11/1955/814 of 14th August, 1953, as HEWIT's case has been handled in this section.

In view of the connection mentioned in my letter of 24th November, 1952 under this reference, we think it undesirable for HEWIT to have access to secret information.

I think that you are already aware that in the past HEWIT's moral character has left much to be desired.

Yours sincerely,



C.A.G. Sinkins.

Lt. Col. A.G. Rumbold, M.C.,
M.I.11,
The War Office.

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Reference M.I. 11/1955/814M.I. 5**CONFIDENTIAL**22810193 Bdr. Hewit, J.P.

Reference your PF604591.

We have now been asked to clear this man for access to secret information as a clerk in H.Q., R.A. Western Command.

We should be very grateful for your comments.

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[Signature]
Lt. Col.
M.I. 11.

14 August, 1953.

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ROOM 055,

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TO

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OFFICER I/C.

R.A. Field
Foots Cray,
Sidcup, Kent.

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No.: 22810193

HEWITT.

Name: HEWITT, J.P.

Regiment or Corps: 48 Field Regiment R.A.

It would be appreciated if this branch could be informed of the above-named soldier's present rank, unit, and where possible, location. For your reply please use the space provided below.

Please also supply release address or date due for release, whichever is applicable.

5.6.53.
M.I.5.for Elisabetha Davies
Lieut.-Col.**REPLY:—(Not to be detached from above.)**THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
ROOM 055, WAR OFFICE, S.W.1.

The above-named soldier is serving in the rank of

Bdr

in the 48 Field Regt

at present stationed at

Keston-Mumby Barracks

Colchester

Essex

date due for release 14-9-53

Officer i/c

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Date 8.6.54

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